

Attorney Docket No.: 71084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ABELS et al.
Serial No. : 10/632,017
Confirm. No. : 9343
Filed : July 31, 2003
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
Dated : December 14, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated July 15, 2004 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired October 15, 2004.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant attaches a Credit Card Payment Form and respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$450.00 (fee code 1252).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),

By:



John James McGlew

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For: McGLEW AND TUTTLE, P.C.

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Enclosed: Credit Card Payment Form

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